



Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting September 22, 2025

On September 22, 2025 the Village of Galena meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., by Mayor Kinnell.

Roll Call

Jeff Kinnell, Mayor (Present)
Gillian Doucette, Council President (Absent)
Josh Porter, Council Member (Absent)
Mike Fry, Council Member (Absent)

Kathy Krupa, Council Member (Present)
Pete Casuccio, Council Member (Present)
Zach Hopper, Council Member (Present)
Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer (Present)

Also Present

Ken Molnar, Solicitor
Tom Marshall, Village Administrator

A List of those in attendance is attached at the end of the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of August 25, 2025 Council Meeting

Kathy Krupa made a motion to adopt the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Council meeting. Pete Casuccio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Delaware Public Health Department

Kelsey Kuhlman, Delaware Public Health District reported that the Fall Mobile Clinic will have multiple stops in Delaware County, there is a Drive -Thru clinic at the Delaware Health District on Monday October 6, 2025 from 4-7 pm, a First Responder Flu Clinic on October 17, 2025 from 8-10am at the Genoa Township Fire Station and there has been an outbreak of Hand, Foot and Mouth.

Public Feedback

Bruce Powers, 807 Lithic Dr inquired about the Resolution about the fountains and aerators on the agenda this evening. Mayor Kinnell responded that it will be discussed when we get to the legislation.

Molly Snodgrass, 16001 Lewis Rd, introduced herself to Council. She is running for the Big Walnut Board of Education. For information visit her website mollysnodgrass.com.

Jessica Parent, 8239 Hickory Ave, introduced herself to Council. She is also running for the Big Walnut Board of Education. For information visit her website parent4bigwalnutschools.com.

Mary Howard, 1765 S. Galena Rd. asked Council about the curve from Van's Valley Rd. to Jow Walker Rd. if there is plans to fix it. Mayor Kinnell responded that there is a lot of discussions and that the County is in control as to how this will be corrected. Ms. Howard also inquired about any plans to address the changes

that residents requested from the Arrowhead hearing. Pete Casuccio responded that it will be discussed in the elevation package.

Charles Krisak, 798 Atlatl, commented that showing elevations doesn't enhance the Village, where is the brick? Mayor Kinnell responded that Romanelli & Hughes is flexible and Council will need to make these decisions.

Annette McMurray, 3690 Worthington Rd asked if safety is going to be addressed with the proposed Arrowhead Development? Council discussed this at great lengths, with no definitive answer to the question.

Council President Report

Councilman Pete Casuccio reported for Council President, Gillian Doucette that she is excited about the Pavillion project and that there will be a meeting soon with the Retreats to discuss the private road signs.

Kathy Krupa reported that Trick or Treat will be on October 31st the same as Sunbury, and that the Halloween party will be Thursday the 30th from 6-7:30. Still working with the Church to work out all the details.

Administrative Report

Tom Marshall, Village Administrator, had no report.

Fiscal Officer Report

Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth, reported that the Finance committee met on September 17, 2025 to discuss 2026 budget. Ms. Dearth informed Council that next month there will be some bookkeeping legislation on the agenda that will need to be passed on the first reading pertaining to the Harrison Street grant project. Also, a motion is needed to pay up to \$5,000.00 to American Legal Publishing for the codification project and mail out the check

Kathy Krupa made a motion to pay up to \$5,000.00 to American Legal Publishing and mail out the check. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote.

Approval of Invoices for September

Kathy Krupa made a motion to approve the invoices for September Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 54-0 voice vote.

Approval of Financial Statements

Kathy Krupa made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for September. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Zoning Officer Report

Matt Shock's report stated that. Miller Farm section 1 public infrastructure is complete up to the pump station; pump station construction is ongoing and final zoning inspection was completed 8/28/25. 24 of 33 parcels are currently in some stage of the permitting process. Columbia Gas has completed the main gas line installation, and they've obtained permits for the service lines for each house. Miller Farm Section 2 improvement plans for section 2, phases A,B, and C have been approved, and construction is underway, ROW permits for Columbia Gas installation (all sections 2 phases) have been issued. Miller Farm Section 3A construction plans have been approved and construction is underway.

Resolution No. 2025-40 (3rd Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Accepting The Amount And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Mike Fry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 as an emergency. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Resolution No. 2025-41 (3rd Reading)

A Resolution Transferring Funds In The Amount Of \$50,137.00 (Fifty Thousand One Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars) From Salary Mayor 1000-710-161 To Other Parks 1000-320-600.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Josh Porter made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-41. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 4 Yes 1 No roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-No Porter-Yes

Resolution No. 2025-45 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Transferring Funds In The Amount Of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) From Other Professional Technical Services 1000-790-349 To Tax Collection Fees 1000-740-344 And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Mike Fry made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Zach Hopper made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-45 as an emergency. Pete Casuccio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Resolution No. 2025-46 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Authorizing Distribution Of NCA Funds In The Amount OF \$30,000 Each To The HOA Communities OF Galena And HOA OF The Retreat At Dustin For The Purpose Of Installation Of Fountains And/Or Aerator's On Their Privately Owned Retention Ponds And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. After a brief discussion Mike Fry made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Josh Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Mike Fry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-46 as an emergency. Josh Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Ordinance No. 2025-12 (2nd Reading)

An ordinance Changing The Zoning Of The 84.330000 Acre Parcel Being Property OF Minerva Golf Inc. From Village Of Galena Commercial To Plan Mixed Used Development (PMUD) Based Upon The Application Of Romanelli & Hughes And The Approval Of Village Of Galena Planning And Zoning Commission And Subsequent Approval Of The Village of Galena Council.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

Committee Reports

Kathy Krupa reported that the fire station construction is coming along.

Other Business

None.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kinnell announced that after a long journey with the 208 Plan, which is the territory by which a sewer provider provides sewer support, the EPA has completed their work and the Governor signed the Final facilities planning area which is of strategic importance to maintain our growth.

Mayor Kinnell invited former Mayor Hopper, former Mayor Love, Village Administrator, Tom Marshall and Mark Rufener, Village Engineer from KEM to give a brief overview about what this means to the Village a little bit of the history behind this. Audio available on the Village's website. Galenaohio.gov.

Mayor Kinnell announced the intent of the Village to partner with Berkshire Township on a Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA).

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Mike Fry made a motion to adjourn and Josh Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on October 27, 2025 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Galena Village Hall and on Teams.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer

Date

Mayor

Date

Certification: I, Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Galena, Ohio hereby certify that publication of these Minutes was duly made by posting true copies thereof at five (5) of the most public places as determined by Council in Resolution 2015-18.